ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RESULTS OF ELECTIONS TO THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE AND THE STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE.

President : Before we proceed to the next business on the Agenda, I have to announce to the House the result of the elections held last evening under the Chairmanship of one of the Panel of Chairmen to elect a representative of this House both to the Public Accounts Committee and the Standing Finance Committee. In regard to the Public Accounts Committee, only two names were balloted and Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai heads the list. In regard to the Finance Committee, three names were balloted and Mr V. S. Arumukham Pillai tops the list. Therefore, I declare that Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai and Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai are elected to the Public Accounts Committee and the Standing Finance Committee respectively.

VOTING OF THE DEMANDS FOR GRANTS.—(*contd.*)

Demand XII—REGISTRATION—(*contd.*)

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai : Sir, during the course of the discussion yesterday, the main point raised by the honourable members was about the irregularity in appointing a technical man as the head of the Registration Department. That question was justified by even some of the honourable non-official members on the other side. Government knew that administrative experience can be gained by controlling any of the departments of Government, as any technical officer who was in charge of a department is expected to manage and control even a non-technical department—

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : Is it not a delicate matter for the honourable member to justify his own appointment ?

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai : I am thankful to the member, for the remark. Sir, in fact this was the only main subject on which discussion took place yesterday and hence I thought I must cover and answer that point also though delicate.

President : Some other member of Government may perhaps take up cudgels on your behalf.

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai : Then, Sir, regarding the observations made by some honourable members about the working of my department, I have only a few remarks to offer.

The next subject was a complaint by the honourable member Mr. John Kattakayam stating that the officers, especially the Registration Director while going to an office for inspection sit in a Travellers' Bungalow or a Satrom and enjoy the hospitality of his subordinates. Mr. John Kattakayam stated on the floor of this House, that he could prove such allegations. In this case, Sir, I am sure, my friend Mr. John Kattakayam will not be able to

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